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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

This company is slowly becoming a "MONOPOLY" they always want the "Customer" to pay for their misfortune and that is not right!

They own many, many, power companies across the nation and I'm sure they have very deep pockets. It's time the Public Service Commission put the people of South Carolina FIRST, and stop allowing utility companies to walk on seniors. I'm sure if they look at the way they run their business they could save money in other areas, like, stop paying their workers a full days pay for showing up to work and staying 1 hour. I have known people who worked for Duke Energy and they would tell how they could be paid during foul weather and could not operate their job. Show up 1 hour, sit and go home and be paid a full days wages. That is not the way to run a business!!

Take back the BIG pay raise they just gave their CEO, I mean, who can spend that much money in a lifetime, it is not even feasible at all.

I'm sure SHE can live very comfortably on 1.2 million and put the rest where it does the best good.

Sincerely,
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